CLAIMS

1. A system for capturing video data defining a moving picture, comprising:

means for receiving the video data from a source;

means for storing, in real time as the video data is received, the video data as a clip in a computer data file on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium according to a trigger signal associated with the source;

means for providing for storage of an attribute associated with the clip; and

a user interface for allowing user input of an attribute for storage with the clip, wherein the attribute is value selected by the user from a set of three or more ordered values indicative of an assessment by the user of merit of the clip.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the system stores a plurality of clips and further includes:

means for searching the attributes of the clips according to a desired attribute; and

means for displaying an indication of one or more of the clips corresponding to the desired attribute.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the means for searching includes:

means for ranking the clips according to the attributes.

4. The system of claim 2, wherein the desired attribute is a threshold value and the means for searching includes:

means for identifying clips having an attribute that is above the threshold.

5. The system of claim 2, wherein the means for searching includes:

means for receiving an indication of a value in the set of ordered values; and

means for selecting the clips having the received value as an attribute.

6. A method for capturing video data defining a moving picture, comprising:

receiving the video data from a source;

storing, in real time as the video data is received, the video data as a clip in a computer data file on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium according to a trigger signal associated with the source;

receiving user input of an attribute for storage with the clip, wherein the attribute is value selected by the user from a set of three or more ordered values indicative of an assessment by the user of merit of the clip; and

storing the received user input as an attribute associated with the clip.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein a plurality of clips are stored and the method further includes:

searching the attributes of the clips according to a desired attribute; and

displaying an indication of one or more of the clips corresponding to the desired attribute.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein searching includes:

ranking the clips according to the attributes.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the desired attribute is a threshold value and searching includes:

identifying clips having an attribute that is above the threshold.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein searching includes:

receiving an indication of a value in the set of ordered values; and

selecting the clips having the received value as an attribute.

11. A system for editing a motion picture, comprising:

means for storing video data as a plurality of clips in a plurality of computer data files on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium, wherein at least some of the plurality of clips have an attribute associated with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value from a set of three or more ordered values indicative of an assessment of merit of the clip;

means for allowing a user to supply a desired attribute;

means for selecting one or more clips from the plurality of clips according to the attribute associated with the clip and the desired attribute supplied by user; and

means for presenting the selected clips as options to the user for insertion into motion picture.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the means for selecting includes:

means for ranking the clips according to the attributes.

13. The system of claim 11, wherein the desired attribute is a threshold value and the means for selecting includes:

means for identifying clips having an attribute that is above the threshold value.

14. The system of claim 11, wherein the desired attribute is a value in the set of ordered values and the means for selecting includes:

means for selecting the clips having the value as an attribute.

15. A method for editing a motion picture, comprising:

storing video data as a plurality of clips in a plurality of computer data files on a non-volatile random-access computer-readable and rewritable medium, wherein at least some of the plurality of clips have an attribute associated with the clip, wherein the attribute is a value from a set of three or more ordered values indicative of an assessment of merit of the clip;

allowing a user to supply a desired attribute;

selecting one or more clips from the plurality of clips according to the attribute associated with the clip and the desired attribute supplied by user; and

presenting the selected clips as options to the user for insertion into motion picture.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein selecting includes:

ranking the clips according to the attributes.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the desired attribute is a threshold value and selecting includes:

      identifying clips having an attribute that is above the threshold value.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein the desired attribute is a value in the set of ordered values and selecting includes:

      selecting the clips having the value as an attribute.